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In re Patent Application

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Group:

Division of Application No. 09/508,714, filed April 11, 2000 Examiner:

For: **OSTEOBLAST-SPECIFIC MITOGENS AND DRUGS CONTAINING
SUCH COMPOUNDS**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Nutley, New Jersey 07110
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The above-identified U.S. application is divisional application under 35 U.S.C. §1.53(b). Before calculation of the fee and examination please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Claims:

Immediately preceding claim 1, change "Claims:" to -- What is claimed is: --.

Cancel claims 1-5, without prejudice.

Add new claims 6 -9 that read as follows:

-- 6. A lysophosphatidic acid derivative selected from the group consisting of compounds of formula:

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